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SUBJECT: MUSHROOMS

REF: SEOUL 8596

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) OFFICIAL SUN TELEPHONED  
EMBOFF JAN 11 TO MAKE TWO POINTS RE SUBJECT PROBLEM.

A) ROKG HAS RECIEVED REPORT FROM ITS EMBASSY IN TAIPEI INDICATING  
THAT ROC ANTICIPATES 20 TO 25 PERCENT REDUCTION IN MUSHROOM  
PRODUCTION IN 1974. THIS, COUPLED WITH 5 PERCENT EXPORT PRICE IN-  
CREASE AND DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SHIPPING SPACE, LEADS ROKG TO BE-  
LIEVE THAT PRESSURE ON US MARKET FROM TAIWAN MUSHROOMS IN 1974 WILL  
BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED. SIMILARLY, SUN ALLEGES THAT ACTUAL KOREAN

MUSHROOM EXPORTS TO US IN 1973 WERE MUCH LESS THAN ORIGINALLY  
ANTICIPATED (ACTUAL DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE) AND KOREAN PRODUCERS  
ARE ALSO CONSIDERING PRICE INCREASE IN 5 TO 6 PERCENT RANGE WHICH  
COULD HAVE EFFECT OF REDUCING EXPORTS TO US. IN VIEW OF "CHANGING  
SITUATION" DESCRIBED ABOVE, SUN INQUIRED WHETHER US POSITION ON  
MUSHROOM QUESTION HAS CHANGED. EMBOFF EXPRESSED DOUBT BUT AGREED  
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TO REPORT INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON.

B) MORE DIRECTLY RELATED TO US PROPOSAL THAT KOREANS LIMIT GROWTH IN MUSHROOM EXPORTS TO US, SUN INDICATED THAT HIS MINISTRY HAS HAD NO SUCCESS IN OVERCOMING INTRANSIGENCE OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, WHICH OPPOSES LIMITATIONS. SUN ASKED INDIRECTLY WHETHER USG COULD THEREFORE BRING TO BEAR ANY FURTHER EVIDENCE OF URGENT NEED FOR KOREAN ACTION, SUCH AS RECENT INDICATIONS OF IMMINENT UNILATERAL ACTION BY CONGRESS. EMBOFF EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IMPORTANCE WHICH USG ATTACHES TO THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN MANIFEST SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER, BUT AGREED TO REPORT THIS INQUIRY AS WELL.

2. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.DECONTROL FOLLOWING 1/11/75  
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